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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL ACTION: CAMBODIA

1. BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 3, THE HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL HFAC SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMBODIA AGGREGATING \$135.6 MILLION WITH \$82.5 MILLION FOR MILITARY PROGRAMS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS. THE OPENING PROVISION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT DIRECTS THAT "UNITED STATES POLICY SHALL BE TO ACHIEVE AN END TO THE CONFLICT IN CAMBODIA NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 1975." SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR EACH OF THREE SUCCESSIVE 30-DAY PERIODS BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THE PROVISION IS AUTHORIZED AS FOLLOWS: MAP: \$20 MILLION, DRAWDOWN \$7.5 MILLION; PL-480 AND ECONOMIC: \$17.7 MILLION, WITH THE CONDITIONS:

(A) THAT THE PRESIDENT REPORTS DURING SUCH 30-DAY PERIODS THAT (I) THE US IS TAKING SPECIFIC STEPS TO END THE CONFLICT BY JUNE 30; (II) THE KHMER REPUBLIC IS ACTIVELY PURSUING SPECIFIC MEASURES TO REACH A POLITICAL AND MILITARY ACCOMMODATION WITH THE OTHER SIDE; (III) INITIATIVES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ACHIEVE AN ORDERLY CONCLUSION OF THE CON-

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FLICT, INCLUDING SAFE PASSAGE, CARE FOR REFUGEES AND WAR

VICTIMS AND OBSERVANCE OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION ON PRISONERS; AND (IV) THE US IS REQUESTING THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO ASSIST IN THE ABOVE, INCLUDING, IF APPROPRIATE, THE USE OF PEACEKEEPING FORCES; AND

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(B) IF THE CONGRESS, WITHIN 10 DAYS DOES NOT ADOPT A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO THE EFFECT THAT IT DOES NOT FAVOR THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH REPORT (BY THE PRESIDENT).

THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS, IN A NON-BINDING SENSE-OF-THE CAUCUS RESOLUTION, VOTED BY A 2 TO 1 RATIO AGAINST ANY FURTHER AID TO CAMBODIA OR VIETNAM IN ANY FORM. WHILE CAUCUS VOTE TODAY WILL NOT HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON THE FULL HFAC, IT NEVERTHELESS REFLECTS THE DEGREE OF HOSTILITY. WE EXPECT THAT THE VOTE WILL BE CLOSE, AND PERHAPS RESULT IN ADDITIONAL LIMITING AMENDMENTS. INGERSOLL

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